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German green and yellow CE banners joined flags of the nations to welcome delegates to the World's Convention in Essen July 24-28. Sessions were held in the modern Gruga Hall which adjoined beautiful Gruga-Park.

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A Union of Youth

Some of the Christian Endeavor societies supplying the most inspiration and training opportunities to their members give credit to a local union for much of their progress and usefulness. A society does well to ally itself with an interdenominational Christian Endeavor union, near at hand, if there is one — or to take the initiative to form such a union if no such means for Christian youth's cooperation is now available.

The most effective union is a federation of church-related societies, which does not direct youth activities or establish any form of rigidity but provides counsel, planning for forms of community witness and service, voluntary involvement of a society with youth action of neighboring churches, and opportunities to present Christ to the young on a scale beyond the possibilities of one society acting alone.

To start a local or regional union one needs: a steering committee with adult counseling, representative of a few societies of more than a single denomination; an informal survey of the field to be included in membership; suggestions from the International Society on organizing and carrying on union work. — *B.H.D.*

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THE 17TH WORLD'S CONVENTION

By Dr. Clyde W. Meadows

The 17th World's Christian Endeavor Convention held in Essen, Germany, July 24-28, 1974, was indeed a great achievement. To bring together approximately 9,000 people from around the world in a great Christian fellowship and a spirit of unity and goodwill in the Lord is a demonstration of the power and grace of Christ.

The problem of providing for the masses — thousands to be housed and thousands more to be fed day after day — and to see it all work so smoothly was an accomplishment in itself; but to unite those thousands representing many different national, language, and cultural backgrounds in one great fellowship of love and commitment to Jesus Christ and His cause was a miracle of grace, like unto Pentecost.

"Jesus Christ — Today and Forever" — "Jesus Christus — Heute und Ewig" was the central theme and was adopted as the general theme for Christian Endeavor around the world in the next four years. The text was Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." The days of the convention dwelt upon the three phases of this text:

1. "Jesus Christ in the Yesterdays" — The thrilling story of Jesus and His ministry in history.

2. "Jesus Christ Today" — Christ at work in our world today in changing lives and directing mankind toward love and peace.

3. "Jesus Christ, the Hope of the Future" — A glorious future in this life as well as in the life to come for all who follow Him.

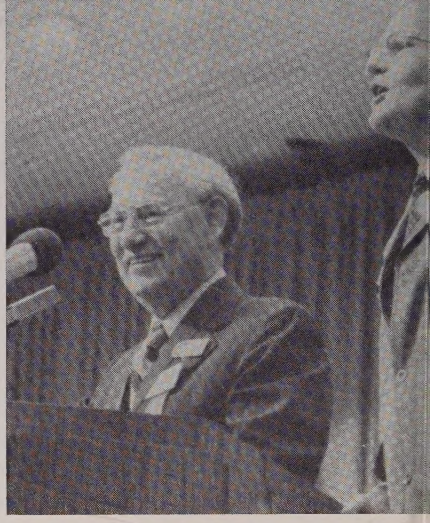
The scientists, politicians, and sociologists are in great part pessimistic about the future. They are saying if the "bomb" doesn't get us, pollution will; and if we survive these two then overpopulation will destroy us. Jesus teaches that we shall do greater things in the future than He has done in the past; "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do" (John 14:12).

Seemingly impossible tasks are to be performed, but we have Christ with us and the assurance of ultimate victory in Him.

The great convention choir in its beautiful costumes inspired the mass audiences when it sang several numbers in each general session. The brass band thrilled the delegates, but the central emphasis in the convention was the presentation of Christ in such a way as to win people to a personal commitment to Him and build them up in the Christian faith.

This evangelistic emphasis was not only felt in the mass convention meetings but in the practical sessions and conferences, and also when many went out into the city in street meetings and personal witnessing. Few people knew the wonderful response that came to these appeals. For instance, the public invitations to accept Christ were given in the German fashion at the close of the mass sessions and those who wanted to make commitment came forward in the confusion after the close of the service. Scores came to commit themselves to Christ in response to each of these invitations.

Four years have been spent in preparation for this great event in the history of Christian Endeavor, and it all came to a climax in four days at Essen. The influence of those days through the power of Christ will live into eternity.



PRESIDENT MEADOWS with interpreter Lothar Kaeser.

The next World's Convention is scheduled for India in 1978. In the meantime our prayers and pledge of helpfulness go with our new president, the Rev. Arno Pagel, 5220 Reichshof 11, Kalbertal, Germany, and his staff as they lead us forward "For Christ and the Church."

THE POSAUNENCHOR (brass orchestra) under the direction of Horst Wilm and Martin Jodt played at all major convention sessions.

THE 1974-78 OFFICERS and Board of Trustees were installed by Clyde M. Meadows at the closing session Sunday night.

Arno Pagel Elected President

Rev. Arno Pagel of Kalbertal, West Germany, was elected president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union at the World's Convention in Essen. He is the first president elected from outside the United States of America; Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the movement, served from 1895 until his death in 1927, Dr. Daniel A. Poling served for 35 years, and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, the retiring president, served from 1962 to 1974.

Other officers elected for the 1974-78 term are: vice-presidents, Frances M. Becker (U.S.A.), P. A. R. Chesterton (Australia), Rev. James Murdoch (Scotland), Rev. Takashi Oku (Japan), and Clyde Sherk (Canada); general secretary, Rev. Charles W. Barner (U.S.A.); general secretary of Area II, William J. Sharpe (England); executive secretary and treasurer, Phyllis I. Rike (U.S.A.); and assistant treasurer, Arch J. McQuilkin (U.S.A.).

The Board of Trustees includes all those named plus the following: Rev. Wilfred A. Agnew (Ireland), Rev. George E. Bowden (England), Rev. Konrad Brandt (Germany), Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan (U.S.A.), Rev. Enrique Capo (Spain), Mr. Elwood Dunn (U.S.A.), Rev. Roy T. Edwards (Australia), Rev. Frederick J. Nile (Australia), Rev. E. Stafford (India), Francine van der Meer (The Netherlands), Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk (U.S.A.), and Harold E. Westerhoff (U.S.A.).

Those elected to serve on the Executive Committee were Arno Pagel, Charles W. Barner, Phyllis I. Rike, William J. Sharpe, Frances M. Becker, Konrad Brandt, Arch J. McQuilkin, and Clyde Meadows.

In recognition of his faithful service Clyde Meadows was named honorary president for life.

At the closing convention session July 28 Clyde Meadows installed the newly-elected officers and transferred the Presidential Chain of office to Mr. Pagel.

Mr. Pagel is currently serving as president of the German Union and as editor of three religious magazines. As the director of the Marburger Mission he travels extensively around the world.

Text of International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation presented to Dr. Clyde W. Meadows at the Sunday evening session of the 17th World's Convention July 28, 1974, at Essen, Germany. The Citation was presented by Dr. LaVerne H. Boss and Rev. Charles W. Barner, president and general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. This Citation represents the highest award of the movement in North America.

International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation To Dr. Clyde Williamson Meadows

The International Society of Christian Endeavor, at the Seventeenth World's Convention, confers this Fifteenth International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation, its highest award, upon Dr. Clyde Williamson Meadows.

Through Christian Endeavor he felt the call to the ministry. Uniquely equipped for Christian service, he became a dynamic preacher, talented musician, efficient administrator, faithful pastor, and community leader. His radiant personality and excellent health made him a vigorous exponent of the Christian Endeavor movement in many positions of leadership.

As bishop of his denomination Clyde Meadows combined the highest office of his church with the presidency of the International Society and later of the World's Union in a unique and fruitful manner. Through personal effort and sacrifice he became a powerful evangel of the Gospel, traveling a million and a half miles and visiting sixty-five countries. Under his leadership members of the World's Union were more closely knit together and five national unions were organized.

Clyde Meadows is a worthy representative of the Christian Endeavor movement in the tradition of his illustrious predecessors, Francis E. Clark and Daniel A. Poling. We praise God for his dedication and his worldwide service "For Christ and the Church."

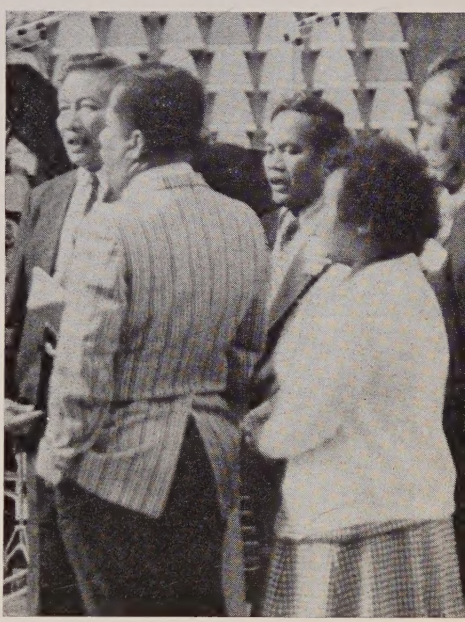
CHARLES W. BARNER
General Secretary
International Society of
Christian Endeavor

LaVERNE H. BOSS
President
International Society of
Christian Endeavor

Essen, Germany, July 28, 1974

EGYPTIAN YOUTH (above) captured the hearts of delegates with their upbeat singing.

MARSHALL ISLANDS delegates (right) also were favorites as they sang their island music.



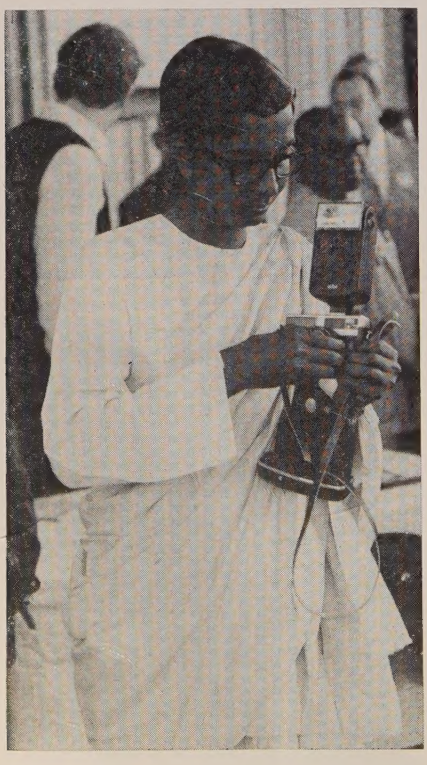
A WORLDWIDE GATHERING

THE ROLL CALL OF NATIONS Saturday afternoon brought the national union president and a youth delegate from each country to the platform. Ready to be called are the Guyana delegate, Lennox Agnes; India president E. Stafford (with banner); and Irish representative Hannah Holmes.

JAMAICAN REPORT is given by union president Rev. John Anglin, with youth delegate at his right.

A BANNER from the 1895 United Society Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., where the World's Union was organized is displayed by PRESIDENT CLYDE MEADOWS.

CONVENTION



DR. W. STANLEY MOONEYHAM, U.S.A., (left) emphasized missons Saturday evening. The president of World Vision International told delegates, "We have a twin commission — witness and service. The Gospel of saving love must express itself in tangible acts of Christian concern."

India's general secretary, BIDYUT K. PRAMANIK, adjusts his camera. The six-member delegation invited Endeavorers to India for the 1978 World's Convention.

REV. GUENTER HOPP (below) and Sister Hildegard Scheithauer directed the excellent 150-voice German youth choir.

BISHOP A. A. AKPAN, secretary of the Nigerian Union, serves the common cup to a delegate during the communion service.

KONRAD BRANDT, field secretary of the German Union, displays a convention poster. Proficient in English, he was overseas contact person; one often heard "Where's Conny?" when problems arose.

PERSONALITIES

The pastor of Wiegle-House in Essen, REV. ULRICH PARZANY addressed over 9,000 delegates, the largest convention group, on Sunday morning. In his stirring message, based on Romans 6:17-23, he urged all to swear allegiance to Jesus Christ as victor.

German Union leader ULRICH WEBER, secretary of the Pocket Testament League of West Germany, was one of the Sunday afternoon speakers.

Essen Scenes

Among convention participants from North America were Joy Simpson (above, left) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, soprano soloist who thrilled delegates with her Gospel singing, and Jane A. Snow (second from left), associate president of the International Society. Jane recently completed graduate studies in her home state of Indiana and is now employed as a school librarian at Brimfield, Illinois.

Cameras were everywhere! Sometimes the crush of those trying to catch some memorable scene on film was so great one could not get near the platform. This was especially true Sunday evening when literally hundreds crowded forward to photograph Rev. Arno Pagel (first World's Union president who is not an American citizen) wearing the presidential chain of office.

Two World's Union vice-presidents pictured during the installation are Frances M. Becker, U.S.A., and Rev. James Murdoch of Scotland. Rev. Takashi Oku, Japan, and Clyde Sheri, Canada, also elected vice-presidents for 1974-78, were present at Essen and participated in the sessions. Newly-elected vice-president P. A. (Alf) Chesterton of Australia was unable to come to Essen because of serious illness; he is recuperating at home.

YOUTH FROM NORTH AMERICA sang under the leadership of P. Raymond Bartholomew (Pennsylvania) at the Saturday afternoon session.

European Fellowship Tours

By Rev. Charles W. Barner

Two thrilling and colorful Fellowship Tours of Europe were conducted by the International Society of Christian Endeavor this summer in conjunction with the 17th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Essen, Germany, July 24-28. Two chartered jets were scheduled to leave New York — one for Brussels July 21 and another for Amsterdam July 22. An extra challenge was added when the first scheduled flight was cancelled within 48 hours of departure time, due to a strike, and 254 participants had to be moved to three scheduled flights to Amsterdam instead of Brussels.

Wave after wave of tour party participants arrived in Amsterdam July 22 and 23. They came from many parts of the United States; the largest delegation was 180 from Pennsylvania followed by 46 from New York, 40 from Ohio, and 24 from Texas. There were 14 from the West Coast, 10 from Oregon and 4 from California, while 9 others came from the state of Hawaii. Much color was added by delegates from other areas — 13 from Canada, 8 from the Marshall Islands, 5 from the Cayman Islands, and three part-time travelers from American Samoa and one from Mexico.

The land travel was divided into two tours: Tour No. 1 — six buses under the direction of Phyllis I. Rike assisted by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows; and Tour No. 2 — four buses under the direction of Rev. Charles W. Barner assisted by Arch J. McQuilkin. International Society and state union leaders as well as pastors served as captains and co-captains on each bus.

Traveling through four European countries for two weeks with 419 tour party members caused one person to say, "I think we wasted too much time waiting for buses to get ready to roll. Consequently we arrived at our destination late. Perhaps there were too many people on the tour," Another person remarked, "I felt a closeness to all the people on this tour that I have never experienced before in my life. It was like we were one big happy family of brothers and sisters."

Many tourists were fascinated by the canal cruise, flower market, and shoe factory in Amsterdam; the Rhine River cruise past vineyards

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NEWS

CUTTING A CAKE in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary are Arch and Helen McQuilkin. The occasion was a party in Columbus, Ohio, by Headquarters Staff and associates on the actual anniversary date, September 10. Hundreds of the McQuilkins' friends gathered at St. John's United Presbyterian Church, Devon, Pennsylvania, Saturday, September 7, for a reception honoring this beloved couple. Arch serves as assistant to the president of the International Society. The McQuilkins make their home in Strafford, Pennsylvania.

Personalia

Golden Rule Endeavorers mourn the loss in September of two long-time supporters — *Mrs. Mary Frances Brown* and *Mrs. Estelle Curtis Long,* both active in Third Baptist Church.

James G. Laing of Ontario was recently appointed vice-chairman of the national committee of Presbyterian Men for the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A past president of the Ontario Union, Jim is an elder in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.

Thanks to *Bruce J. Vliek,* Finance Committee member, who donated labor and materials to reseal the Headquarters parking lot in August. Bruce was recently named operations officers of BancOhio Corporation; congratulations!

WANTED — A Field Secretary

The Virginia Union is seeking a field secretary for the not distant future. It is hoped to tailor this position to the abilities of one whose services will be invaluable, whether full time or part time, and whose compensation, initially, may be little more than necessary expenses and priceless experiences. Write Secretary, Board of Trustees, Virginia Christian Endeavor Union, 1 E. Masonic View Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301.

THE PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE August 24 at Tigard Christian Church, Portland, Oregon, featured much youth participation (see photos at left and group shot below). Leaders included (below, from left) Raymond L. Pulsifer, Sr., vice-president in charge of Pacific Region; Timothy J. Kribs, International Society vice-president; Linda Mills, Oregon Union president; and Philip Assink, Washington State Union president.

A RECEPTION honoring Clyde and Mabel Meadows on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary was held August 11 at King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Dr. Meadows is honorary president for life of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and bishop emeritus of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. The Meadows, who were married August 13, 1924, were also honored by a surprise celebration in Huntington, Indiana, on the actual anniversary.

Good News Sunday

November 24, which is National Bible Sunday, has been named "Good News Sunday" by the American Bible Society to emphasize the work being done for new readers. Free program packets are available to churches; send requests to the American Bible Society, P.O. Box 4084, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10017.

European Fellowship Tours

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and villages; the cathedrals visited in metropolitan areas with gothic architecture, flying buttresses, and tall spires which gave elegance to the structures; the modern subways in major cities; the small shops with wooden shoes, Hummels, cuckoo clocks, fine lace, and beautiful china; and the city of Paris with its beautiful vistas which grace the inner city areas along the Seine River.

The highlight of the tours was the 17th World's Convention at Essen in the Ruhr River Valley of Germany with more than 9,000 delegates from all areas of the world in attendance. Some young people commented, "We realize housing was a major problem, but showers are very important! The school in which we stayed had no showers. It was suggested we take showers at the swimming pool. We did and there was only cold water!"

One delegate said of our hosts, "The Germans were very cordial. Their friendliness and willingness to help was very much appreciated." Another delegate after eating brown bread, butter, cheese, and bologna for several days said, "A great big thanks to the German Union for the way they were able to feed that hungry mob."

Highlights of the convention program included the Roll Call of Nations; participating in the communion service with people of many nations and cultures; evangelical messages delivered in German or English which were translated so all could understand; music by the 150-voice German youth choir, the brass orchestra, and vocal soloists, as well as the congregational singing; and the installation of the officers for the 1974-78 quadrennium.

A group of 22 young people and their sponsors from the Reformed Church of Woodstock, New York, worked on Operation Germany for one year to raise money for the tour. One counselor said, "I've never worked so hard or been so happy."

Another group of 46 from Perry County, Pennsylvania, under the direction of Pastor Russell Kerns, provided a fitting climax for Tour No. 1 as they presented their famous Christian Endeavor clown program, demonstrating how Christians can have fun while engaged in Christian service. Many tour party members will long remember how they gave the Lord's Prayer in sign language.

We are grateful to God for journeying mercies. Many tour party members were blessed and spiritually enriched through this unique opportunity to fellowship with other Christians.

Contact the International Society for information on the 1975 Fellowship Tours in connection with the 53rd International Convention in Portland, Oregon, June 30-July 4, 1975.

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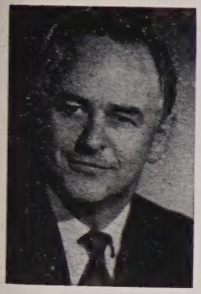

Jesus Christus–Heute und Ewig

By Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, President

International Society of Christian Endeavor

"Jesus Christ — Today and Forever" was the theme of the 17th World's Christian Endeavor Convention. Youth and adults from many nations around the world gathered for five days in Essen, Germany, to exchange ideas, learn again the true meaning of "Go ye into all the world," and "Ye are all brothers in Christ," and be trained and inspired to serve Him in whatever way possible.

This 17th World's Convention demonstrated again that Christian Endeavor is unrivaled as the world's greatest ecumenical youth movement. The unity of Christian Endeavor is in Jesus Christ alone as it represents more than 77 nation or island groups around the world.

To tell you in detail about the thrill of a World's Convention, 9,000 youth and adults representing many lands, races, and cultures, would be impossible — words just aren't adequate. Without question it was a thrilling, exciting, marvelous, and fantastic experience, and, my dear reader, through it all it was thoroughly Christian Endeavor.

Each day began and ended with God. After a 7:30 or 8:00 a.m. breakfast (depending on where you had lodging), we had opportunity to meet in smaller groups with people speaking similar language for devotions and Bible study. Lunch for all the delegates was available in a large exhibition building adjacent to Gruga Hall (our auditorium). These two buildings were located at the entrance to a beautiful large landscaped park where delegates could relax. Each afternoon plans were made for a variety of tours or special meetings for various groups. On two occasions we had a large general assembly in the afternoon at Gruga Hall.

Each of the five evenings, after our evening meal at the exhibition hall, we had inspiring sessions which were always preceded by instrumental and vocal music selections. Personally, this was one of the high points of the convention. The congregational singing, the various items of appropriate special music, youth testimonies, and the outstanding Christian speakers of the world maintained a high spiritual atmosphere for the entire convention.

In the closing session we received an invitation to come to India for the 18th World's Convention in 1978. Attendance at this Christian convention cannot help but have an impact on Christian Endeavor around the world. Youth and adults cannot help but be changed in attitude and commitment.

May all of you who have given that others might attend and prayed so faithfully for this gathering be blessed in the weeks and months ahead because of your faithfulness to Christ and the Church.

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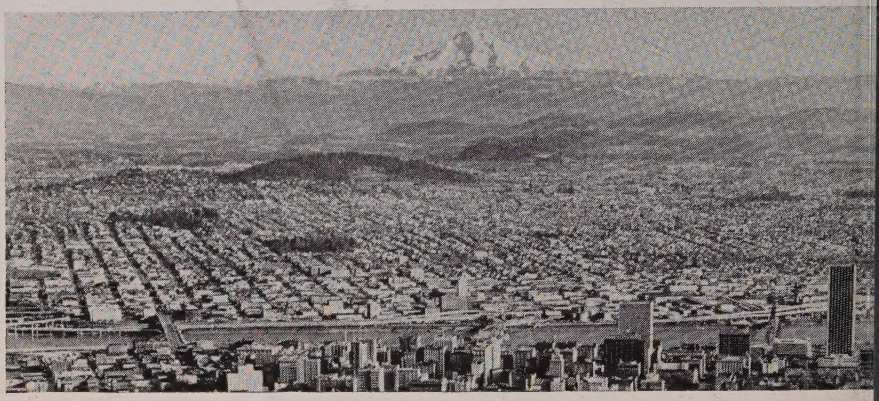

PLAN FOR PORTLAND

Develop your vacation plans for 1975 now and include the great Northwest. Attend the 53rd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon, June 30-July 4, 1975. The beautiful campus of Lewis and Clark College in suburban Portland is the convention site. See the Americana Pageant at Alpenrose, visit Mt. Hood National Forest, and listen to the talking tree at the Forestry Center in Portland. Take your first step today and register for the convention. You will receive details on the convention program, economical travel plans, and what to see in the Pacific Northwest.

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